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# The Panther

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## Unofficial results Lewis beats Jones in SGA runoff bid

By STEPHANIE BANKS  
Panther Reporter

The runoff election for the SGA (Student Government Association) between Charlotte Jones and Camille Lewis was held Wednesday, April 21.

The election was held because of the constitution which states, a person must win by a majority vote. In the March 19 election 607 people voted therefore, a candidate had to win with at least 304 votes. No one had this amount As a result, the two candidates with the highest number of votes had to have a run-off.

The unofficial results of the run off election are: For SGA Secretary, Camille Lewis defeated Charlotte Jones with 281 votes to

Jones' 195. Christa Smith will hold the office of Vice President Academic Affairs after defeating Patrino Pelton with 247 -193 vote. For the office of Vice President of Student Affairs, Joan Walker defeated Verna Johnson with a 276 to 184 vote. Carlo Walker was the contested winner for the seat of Vice President for Administration with 327 votes. La Shawn Green won the title of Senator of Off Campus Affairs with 312 votes, Senator External Affairs is Michael D. Pelton, Athletics is Ryan Clark and Senator of Graduate School is Larry Crittenden. The results of the election were out of 500 votes.

(These results are unofficial)

Former Miss Prairie View



Mary Ann Palmer, the former Miss Prairie View dressed in Africa attire. See the Senior edition of The Panther.

## PV student injured in Galveston

By CHANDRA BATY  
Editor-in-Chief

Last Saturday Janita Johnson, an 18-year-old freshman electrical engineering major, was run over by a truck and seriously injured at the Kappa Beach party in Galveston, Texas.

Johnson, a student at Prairie View, suffered a hairline fracture to the skull causing her face to swell and her right eye to swell shut. Three-fourths of her body was bruised.

"I have bruises on my back and around the neck area. I can't walk, eat or bathe myself, so I have to start physical therapy soon," she said.

Three other girls were hit by the truck. One suffered a broken finger, another abdominal pains and the third bruised legs. They were treated and released on Saturday.

Kennon White, 23, was charged with aggravate assault and reckless caused body injury. The TSU Kappa had left the scene, but later turned himself in to the police.

According to Johnson, people were dancing on his windshield and it broke. Then he told people to get off the car. He jumped in his truck and started backing without looking.

"The Kappa said get off his truck because he didn't want people dancing on his truck," said Larry Hendrix, a sophomore advertising art major.

Article XI: Section 9 of the new S.G.A. Constitution states: **It shall be the responsibility of the Student Government Association to encourage and facilitate a maximum voter turnout in all Student Government elections.** Yet, in the April 8 election, less than 700 of the more than 7,000 students enrolled at Prairie View voted.

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## How effective an advocate is SGA at PV?

By PORTIA HOPKINS  
Panther Reporter

Is the Student Government Association only as strong as its supporters? Or is it only as strong as its representatives and leaders?

S.G.A. representatives and some students believe that the S.G.A. needs support from the student body to accomplish or set goals.

"The S.G.A. wants to be the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed," says Arthur Simmons, Vice President of the S.G.A.

"If the student body as a whole were more active with our student government, I feel it would be able to accomplish more things that would be beneficial to the school," said Michael Pelton, sophomore.

when he and several other students were asked to give their opinions on the S.G.A.

Said Nina Weston, freshman: "The S.G.A. is a reflection of those who are involved. The ONLY way to get our Student Government Association to meet our needs as students is to play an active role. We get nothing through passivity."

Many students say the

reason they don't get involved with the S.G.A. is simply because they don't know anything about it. Many students don't even know what the letters, S. G. A., stand for.

"I don't know exactly what they're about. What do they do exactly?" asked Kimberly Runnels, senior.

Whose fault is it that students don't know?

## Food service, registration changes?

By CHARLOTTE GARNER  
Panther Reporter

As the Prairie View 1992-93 academic year comes to an end, a few facilities on campus are making new changes, in response to student complaints.

Is registration going to be a problem?

Are the food services

going to get better?

Is the Panther going to have better equipment to print its news?

Darlene Clark, a secretary in the registrar's office, has spoken of changes in her department. She said, "There will be no changes in the fall and spring semesters; however during the summer an SIS system will be used if it is

approved."

SIS is a computerized system to help registration move along, and students will be able to get their schedules faster.

Kim Garrett, manager of the Memorial Student Center, said, "There will be a dummy run to see if the system works. Your advisor puts your schedule into the computer and prints it out

without any complications. "This will be more convenient for the student, advisor, and registration."

It is possible that students will be able to use Vali-Dine cards in both Alumni and the Purple P if it is approved.

Students have not been

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## HBCUs a solid place to grow

By TWYLA HARGEST  
Panther Reporter

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, University of Texas, Texas A&M. All are prestigious colleges with prestigious reputations in both white and black America.

Spellman, Morehouse, Howard, Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M University. All are prestigious Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Yet, it's often hard to get African-American students to attend these HBCUs. Why?

More and more African-American students grow up aspiring to attend predominantly white universities. More and more African-American students

believe that in order to make it in today's society, one must have the "right" kind of degree from the "right" kind of university. They believe the best education is to be found at a predominantly white university.

Again and again, African-Americans are presented with the concept that to succeed in the "white man's" world they must do so by "his" means. In order to be on the same level with the "white man" they must follow "his" path.

There is nothing wrong with attending a predominantly white university but, having attended Prairie View, I have a problem with African-Americans who feel that only predominantly white universities can offer them

## Seminar held on 'Chronic'

By HUGH E. GRIFFIN  
Panther Reporter

The popular rap song, "Nuthin' But A 'G' Thang" by rap artist Dr. Dre has many students concerned about the lyrics and paraphernalia presented in the video. As the song suggests, "'G' Thang" (gangster thang) and "chronic" (weed), are promoted through the lyrics and attire worn in the video.

On Monday, April 19th the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. held a seminar entitled "The Chronic." The purpose

was to address a potential problem on PV's campus. Some PV students are presenting negative images of themselves by wearing various types of clothing with a logo depicting a

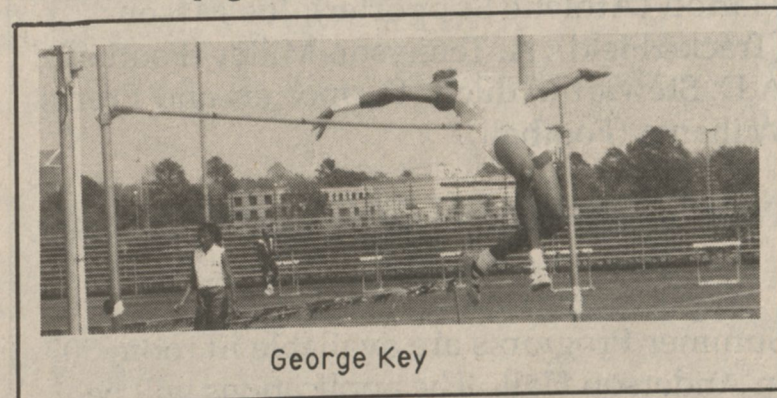


marijuana leaf -- Chronic-style.

Students say that the style became popular when gangster rap-star Dr. Dre released his first solo album entitled *The Chronic* in November of '92 and later produced a video for "Nuthin' But A 'G' Thang" in which he and "The Dog Pound" wore the clothing.

When asked how he felt about the situation in an interview, Warren G. owner of Warren G. Productions and Co-producer of *The Chronic* album said, "We didn't invent the style, we just saw some caps at the swap-meet one day and liked them and decided to buy some."

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## Key leaps 7 feet

By HUGH E. GRIFFIN  
Panther Reporter

Once again it's on!!! On March 26, during the Prairie View A&M relays, senior Track & Field athlete George Anthony Key placed first in the high-jump for an

amazing 7'0" leap; hence,

ranking himself a mere second place in the nation.

A graduate of Willowridge Senior High School in Houston -- where

his All-District High School high jump record remains at 6'8" -- George is currently an

architectural engineering major and a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Prince Hall Masonry, the Architectural Honors Club, and the American Institute of Architectural Students.

This gifted son of a Fort Bend High School teacher (mother) and Associate

Minister of Sunnyside Missionary Baptist Church (father), and brother of Lori, a Delta Sigma Theta pre-med

major here at PV, says he

finds his strength and

motivation in the Lord. "The Lord inspires me to work harder and to excel not only athletically but academically as well."

According to Assistant Track & Field Coach Clifton Gillard -- who has been George's close trainer for four years -- says, "George is self-driven. He knows what main ingredients are needed to do better and achieve his goal; and once he has his

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# NEWSWEEK

## BRIEFLY

### Beta Beta Beta Wins Award

The PVAMU chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society won the "Outstanding Chapter Award" for District II of the South Central Region District Convention. The 1993 convention was a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization. Thirteen chapters attended the affair with 103 Tri-Beta participants. Drs. Ronald Humphrey and Lee Henderson are sponsors.

### PVAMU Scientist To Lecture In Israel

Dr. Raul Cuero, Research Scientist at Prairie View, has been invited by the Ministry of Agriculture for the State of Israel to lecture in May.

He is scheduled to speak before the Agriculture Research Organization at the Volcani Center in Israel.

Cuero, a native of Buenaventura, Colombia, was instrumental in developing a new technology for causing plants to develop healthier, fight infections and withstand the attack of toxigenic and pathogenic fungi.

He received his Ph.D. from Stathclyde University, Great Britain.

### "Hall Of Fame" Inductees Set

The Sports Hall of Fame at PVAMU has announced the selection of twelve new members to the PVAMU "Sports Hall of Fame." Induction into the "Hall of Fame" will be at the Sixth Annual Athletic Council Scholarship Banquet on May 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the west wing of Alumni Hall.

The 1993 Hall of Fame inductees are Carol

Cummings (Track&Field); George Dearborne (Football); Stephen Henderson (Baseball); Kenneth Jones (Baseball); Willia Marion (Athletic Supporter); Joe Mason (Track&Field); A. Tennyson Miller (Football); A.D. Stewart (Athletic Supporter) and Prenis Williams (Football).

### Pre-College Program Offerings For Summer

Applications for the Pre-College 1993 Summer Programs are available in room 307 in Anderson Hall. The applications will be distributed until May 1, 1993. However, the office will continue to receive and process the completed applications until May 21st.

Some of the Outreach Programs include the Pre-College Institute (PCI), Business Advantages for Scholastically Inclined (BASIS), and Minority Introduction to Engineering (MITE).

### Chess Tournament Announces Winners

The winners for the first annual Marathon Oil Corporation Chess Tournament are Dr. Sid Credle for Faculty/Staff and second place was awarded to Ali McHery, a sophomore electrical engineering major. Third, fourth and fifth place winners were Dr. R. Selladurai, Professor K. Thiagarajan and Alex Andrews, a sophomore physics major, respectively.

Fourteen people competed for the title of best chess players in the first annual chess tournament. The championship was sponsored by the National Association of Black Accountants and the Panther Chess Club.

## How To Handle Stress

By SHAIR LOVING  
Panther Reporter

How can I handle campus stress?

This is a question many students seem to be asking. Stress is a body condition

that may occur when a person faces a threatening or unfamiliar situation. Such situations include illness,

the loss of a job, and even a promotion or being elected class president.

Physician James W. Mills said, to handle stress, "A person should get plenty of rest, and learn to handle

troublesome situations, and pay special attention to his or her health when stress occurs."

A healthful way of life

and medical care can prevent a stress-related illness from developing or becoming serious.

Final exams are around the corner, and students have been complaining about the

campus stress they face when

dealing with tests. But according to Hazel Muse, of Prairie View Health Clinic, "One way to handle campus stress is to pray, keep away from peer pressure and find someone you can talk to."

Extremely prolonged and severe stress can lead to

potentially fatal conditions such as heart failure and shock. Conditions associated with stress include high blood pressure and long-term malfunction of the glands.

Nevertheless, we can avoid stress by trusting God in all situations to work out whatever problems we may have on Prairie View campus.

If stress continues for weeks or months, it may damage or exhaust certain

organs and lead to various illnesses.

Physicians believe that people can help themselves stay in good health by avoiding prolonged stress.



## PV Campus Handi-Capable ?

By, SENECCA GILBERT  
Panther Reporter

Does our campus care about the handicapped? Not as it should, according to George Jackson, a 22-year-old political science major who is confined to a wheelchair. He contends there are lots of improvements to be made.

He says that his independence has been violated and ignored. He's tried in many ways to contact and receive active support from many of the influential leaders of the university, but say he has received little beyond positive and verbal support.

Jackson lives in Holy Hall but sometimes has trouble visiting friends in Fuller because of the elevators that don't work.

He also has trouble eating on the weekends in Alumni Hall because the doors are locked.

Jackson says it's not that he's trying to cause trouble or put the school

down; it's just that if Prairie View A&M is going to accept handicapped students, it should have been prepared for them.

On the other hand, Richard Wesley, an off-campus student who is also confined to a wheelchair, finds that although all buildings are not equipped for the handicapped, many of his peers and friends are very concerned and helpful to him.

Wesley has no gripes or complaints about the facilities, because students and faculty members have been very supportive in helping him around.

When asked about having too much pride in receiving help from others, he said, "You got to do what you got to do." He has gotten over the pride issue.

Jackson says it's not a pride issue, it's just that he shouldn't have to ask for the help from others; the convenience for the disability should already have been made.

Wesley added, if there were any changes to be made it should be to consider having an underground parking area so that he wouldn't get wet on rainy days.

Two non-handicapped students also agreed that more should be done to accommodate the disabled.

According to Atrice Harris and Gary Tolbert, it would be appreciated if other students lent a helping hand or did what they could to support the handicapped.

Even if it means not parking in a handicapped spot when there's no other place to park.

Robert Duffy, the Construction and Planning Coordinator of Prairie View A&M University buildings, said that a lot of the buildings on campus are old,

but that renovations are being made to accommodate the handicapped. He also says that the newer

equipped for the handicapped.

Even though Duffy has not been made aware of any available funds to activate this project, he says things look positive.

Title II and III of the ADA Accessibility Guidelines says that qualified individuals with a disability should be provided access to their jobs. Examples of accommodations that may be needed to make facilities accessible and usable include:

- installing a ramp at the entrance to buildings;
- removing raised thresholds;
- reserving parking spaces close to the work site that are wide enough to allow people using wheelchairs to get in and out of vehicles;
- making restrooms accessible;
- making a drinking fountain accessible.

If employers have to accommodate the handicapped, schools should do the same for students.

## Help Phones Successfully Deterring Crime

By AMY COLLINS  
Panther Reporter

During the holiday break, while most students were enjoying the comforts of Christmas with their families, a few workers at Prairie View were busy installing six help phones at key areas on campus in order to offer students a hotline for help.

Jack Rafferty, Telecommunications Director of Prairie View,

said the help phones have been a success in deterring campus crime.

Six phones were installed on campus at some of the more remote areas on campus students might have to cross late at night," said Rafferty.

He said the idea for the help phones on the campus was not unique to Prairie View, because many universities across Texas have installed similar phones.

Rafferty said the phones can be used for any emergency purpose students might be faced with

including assaults, fire, and theft.

"The phones are designed to help students with any emergency they feel is threatening and for which they need of help from the

police," said Rafferty. "In essence, they serve a 911 purpose on campus."

He explains that when the phones were initially installed on campus, some prank calls

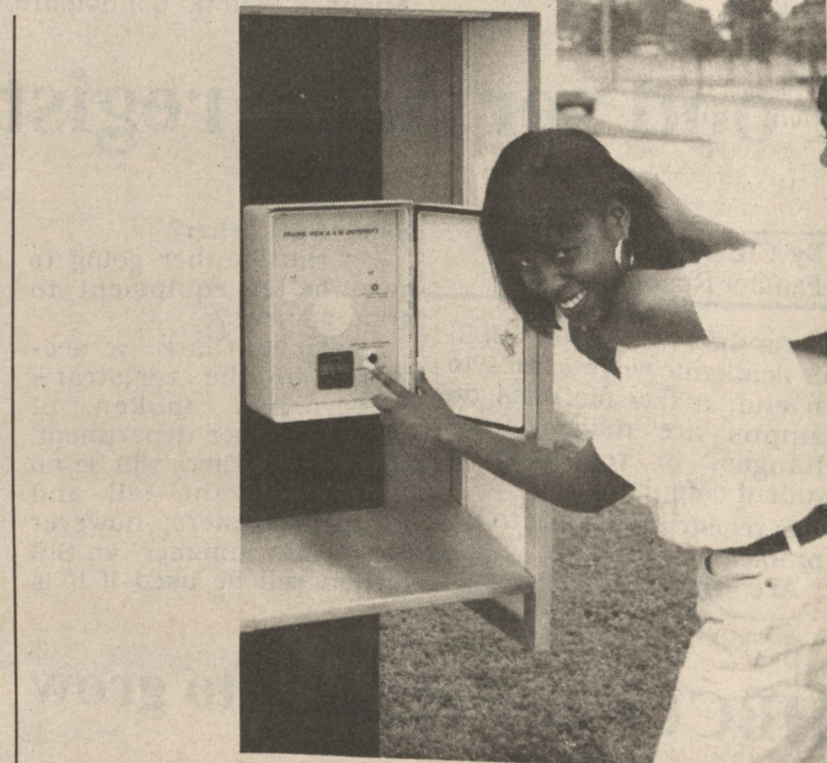
were made but police were expecting such behavior initially.

"Those prank calls have more or less stopped because the students realize the important role the

phones play in their safety," Rafferty said.

Sgt. Martha Harris of the Prairie View campus security, said the phones have mainly been used by students experiencing car trouble ranging from dead batteries to keys locked in

the car. "Fortunately, we have not had an instance where a real emergency situation has been called in through the help phones,"



Students stage attack to show the use of help phones

said Harris.

Harris said that at this time of year crime is particularly high. Crimes include dorm theft to car theft.

"Students know enough about the phones by now to understand that they are on campus to help them if an emergency situation arises," said Harris.

Rafferty said he expects that within the next few years, at least three more help phones will be installed on the campus.

"Depending upon what the administration agrees to, we will put as many help phones on the campus as is necessary to help students at Prairie View," said Rafferty.

## ACM Starts Chapter At PV

By RAQUEL PHEARSE  
Panther Reporter

Prairie View's Computer Science Program is receiving its official Student Chapter from the Association for Computing Machinery, better known as ACM.

Brandon Taylor, a graduating senior in Computer Science, organized and administered the overall chartering process. It involved every level of academia in the Computer Science Program. ACM was allocated

financial assistance from the College of Engineering Technology and Applied Sciences, as well as the university. Financial support was also given by ACM advisors, Professor J.D. Oliver and Dr. T. Gopal.

ACM was founded in 1947 and is the largest and

oldest educational and scientific society in today's industry.

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# NEWSWEEK

## Justice, Has It Finally Been Served ?

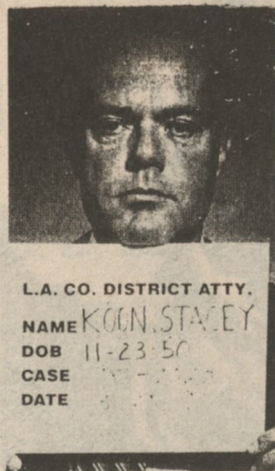
By ERNEST CLAYTON  
Production Manager

The Rodney King verdict has sparked mixed reactions at Prairie View from students and faculty.

The federal government rendered a split verdict April 17 and found the Los Angeles Police Department's Laurence Powell and Stacy Koon guilty of violating King's civil rights.

At the same time, the jury acquitted two other officers involved in the beating. Many feel that the split verdict was unjust.

Associate Professor Imari Obadele said, "On the surface, it sounds like a political verdict where the jury attempted to find somebody guilty, but after listening to one of the jurors, I think they tried the best they could in handling the evidence that was in front of them....and they probably



L.A. CO. DISTRICT ATTY.  
NAME Koon, Stacy  
DOB 11-23-50  
CASE  
DATE



L.A. CO. DISTRICT ATTY.  
NAME Laurence Powell  
DOB 8-26-62  
CASE 00-7020  
DATE 3-5-93

**"...justice is much larger than the beating of Rodney King."**

arrived at a decision that they believe was a fair decision and not a political one."

Obadele went on to say that, "I don't feel that justice

was served because the question of justice is much

larger than the beating of Rodney King.

"Our people will have

justice when we live in a society where the police care about the people whom they are supposed to be protecting", said Obadele.

Obadele also said: "I think the white policemen will still be angry and stupid, but some may be a little more cautious."

SGA Senator Phillip Bledsoe said, "Whenever you have a man beaten on the street by four policemen and only two are convicted, there is something wrong with the judicial system."

Bledsoe went on to say that

"I anticipated the leniency in the verdict because there is a misconception of a black man being wild and uncontrollable and Rodney King fit into this negative stereotype."

Prairie View student Kim Himes said, "...justice was not served and I don't think that it will ever be served in my lifetime."

## Σ Xi Competition

By CHANDRA BATY  
Editor-in-Chief

The Sigma Xi Research Society club of Prairie View recently held its 2nd annual Sigma Xi Student Research Paper competition.

Xiaowei Mang, first place winner, won \$100 and a plaque. Elizabeth Omutiti and Yong Jin, second and third place winners, also won money and plaques.

The annual event started in 1992.

"The timing wasn't good. Students didn't have time to submit full manuscripts. This year we had no support from the Cooperative Agricultural Research center, so we used society funds which were much less than last year," said Young Park, president of the chapter.

"Students don't know how important it looks on a resume to see that you have written research papers. We want to be more highly

visible on campus, so students can take the opportunity offered, said Dr. Humphrey, secretary of the chapter.

"The purpose is to promote campus-wide activity and performance in the disciplinary science area," says Park.

The chapter currently has 30 faculty members and

eight nonfaculty members. On April 27, the chapter will initiate new members, one of whom is a graduating senior.

The society is designed primarily for faculty members in the sciences such as chemistry, math, physics and biology.

Students, who are associate members, are usually eligible for membership after writing several research papers.

"It's a great opportunity for students to be exposed to the profession," says Humphrey.

## Midshipman Wins Award

Midshipman 1/C Esly A. Peters, a senior chemical engineering major at Prairie View A&M, was recently selected for the General Roscoe C. Cartwright ROTC Achievement Award.

This award is presented to the most outstanding senior, junior and sophomore Army/Air Force cadet or Navy midshipman currently enrolled at any one of 27 Historically Black Colleges or Universities.



Midshipman with Esly Peters

Midshipman Peters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Peters of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. While at Prairie View A&M, Peters has been selected to the honor roll six consecutive semesters. He has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6.

His organizational affiliations include: National Honor Society, Banneker Honors College, National Society of Black Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Gamma Phi Delta Fraternity Vice-President, Club Caribbean Chaplain, Junior Class Vice-President, Student Government Association Senator, Baptist Student Movement, and Joy of Kononia Teacher.

Peters, accompanied by Commander Robert Dean, was invited to Washington, D.C. April 3rd for the presentation of the award. He was presented a personalized engraved plaque and given a voucher to cover the cost of the "uniform of his choosing". His name will be permanently engraved on the "Rocks" trophy currently on display at Prairie View A&M.

Congratulations to Midshipman Richard Crews and David Radford. Crews and Radford placed second in the voting for junior and sophomore "Rocks" awards, respectively. Crews of Miami, Fla. is a mechanical Engineering major and maintains a 3.75 grade point average. Radford of Lindale, Texas, is a biology major and maintains a 3.7 grade point average.

## SGA

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No extensive campaigning by the S.G.A. candidates was done. There were few fliers distributed or posted around the campus.

"I never got a flier. I never saw a flier. I was mad when I found out that there was an election. I hadn't heard!" said Stephanie Banks, sophomore.

There were few poster size notices which could be easily seen and the notices were only posted in a few buildings around the campus. Campaigning and voter encouragement on the day of

the election was confined to the front of Alumni Dining Hall, which meant that students who did not eat in Alumni or have business with Auxillary Services may not have even known there was an election.

Arthur Simmons said in a student fee allocation Meeting, April 14, that if the this newspaper, The Panther, would cover and announce more S.G.A. activities, students would be more inclined to participate. But, as stated in Article XI: Section 9 of the Constitution encouraging students to participate is the responsibility of the S.G.A. Simmons claimed, in the same meeting, to have written the Constitution, therefore,

he should have know about this responsibility.

Some students said that if the S.G.A. did more to show the student body that it had a genuine concern and were more accessible and recognizable to the public that the students would probably participate more. "...making

the students at least feel like they are doing something to better our campus situation, more people would get behind the S.G.A. and volunteer. . . You show us you want to help us, we'll give you our support. the results would be PROGRESS and CHANGE," said Stephanie Sanford, senior.

The S.G.A. is supposed to be a democratic body, but democracy demands willing

and active participation from constituents and their representatives.

Both parties must be willing to communicate with each other.

Students must support their organizations if they expect their voice to be heard.

Representatives must make themselves accessible and take an initiative to get things done.

"It takes two: students addressing their needs to the S.G.A. and the S.G.A. taking those those needs to the administration. If either works alone, neither is taken seriously," said Candace Hall, sophomore.

(Several attempts were made to contact S.G.A. representatives, but to no avail.)

## Food services

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eating in Alumni because there have been numerous complaints. Some students feel that they are getting food that is too greasy, not good, or leftovers. This problem will be corrected, Jackson said.

Plans were made by Jackson to increase students ability to eat in Alumni at night. These options are good because it will keep students from leaving campus late at night to get something to eat.

Students will be eating at half price in Alumni or the Purple P at late hours.

If approved, Alumni Hall will be open for one hour during the night for students who study late or just want a snack before bedtime. The hours for Alumni have not

yet been decided.

Taco Bell was installed in the Purple P earlier this year. Taco Bell will be joined

by Kentucky Fried Chicken and TCB Yogurt next year.

"It will definitely be a success, because students will be aware of the changes in food, taste, and convenience at their own time. The Food Service is here to serve you," said, Jackson.

The Panther also has changes planned. Derald Powell, managing editor, said, "The changes will make the Panther better. For once we will be receiving new Macintosh computers which should decrease the number of mistakes, and keep people from working long hours on the paper. The quality of the Panther will also increase."

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Dr. Dre said, "Support the chronic! If you're gonna support it, then smoke the stuff! But if you don't smoke it, don't fake it!"

Many angry students say that the selling of this clothing on campus is wrong and that it should be stopped.

Frank Jackson, Director of Auxiliary Services said, "For a long time I thought those clothes worn just a new style or fad, just like the X-caps were just a little while ago. When I was told of the situation, I immediately stopped the sales by the vendors in

Alumni Hall."

"It was recently brought to my attention that there was some selling of these items with the Chronic logo as well as the university's initials printed on them by unlicensed vendors," said Jackson, "However, it appears that when they found out that they were about to be caught they packed up and left."

Jackson continued, "I sincerely hope that this is just a passing fad and nothing serious, and I hope that it will die-out soon."

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LIFESTYLES

Deltas step their way to success

Crystal LaChapelle  
Panther Reporter

The Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has stepped its way to an undefeated record at recent Greek shows throughout the state of Texas.

The Deltas were invited by Pierre Cromartie, to participate at the Texas March Down on April 10. Cromartie, organizer of the event, only invited organizations that had won first place in a previous Greek show to participate.

The step show was sponsored by Coca Cola and hosted by Darryl Bell of "A Different World."

The Deltas competed against five sororities, beating them all to win first place at the show, a trophy, \$1500, and title of state champions.

They have also won every other Greek Show that they have entered this semester including shows at the University of North Texas on March 27 and at the University of Texas on April 3.

Their winnings have brought in a total of \$3500. Their next performance will be on April 24 at the Greek Show here on campus.

The Deltas' step team consists of the Lorri Key--step master, Tiffany Hauntz--tail, Efuntade.

Tipfenie Deeds, Brenda Dillard, Morenike Efuntade, Leona Green, Chandra Hill, and Tyra Pettigrew.

"Delta Sigma Theta is a public service sorority. The proceeds from the step shows will be donated," said Efuntade.



Prairie View's Deltas pose at Texas Marchdown



Rap duo Kriss Kross will be featured in "Who's the Man?"

Who is the man?

The comedy film Who's the Man? will be released on Friday, April 23, 1993 at most movie theatres.

Featured in the film are stars Ed Lover, Dr. Dre, and Bill Bellamy, from MTV, Naughty By Nature, Cypress Hill, Kriss Kross, Salt -n- Pepper, Ice-T, and many

more popular artists are scheduled to appear. This movie, directed by Ted Danny is anticipated to be one worth going to see.

Slang or Slander ?

Charleen Womack

It is very common on the campus of Praire View A&M University to hear students greet one another with such words as "nigga", "dog", "hoe" and many more.

There are times, we as (black people) can act a little unseemly, but that doesn't mean that we are "niggers" or bums. We are just upset black folk.

A whore ("hoe" as it is called at PVAMU) is one who sells her body in exchange for monetary gain; and a "bitch" is a female dog and according to Webster the word does have other meanings.

A female that won't give a guy her telephone number, or won't stop to talk to a young man who is sitting in front of Alumni when she is on her way to class, or if chooses to wear the newest mini skirt is not a "hoe" or a "bitch".

"I don't have a problem with it myself if this is the way students choose to relate to one another" said Tonya Jackson, a graduating senoir from the sociology deparment.

Or in the same sense, what is your reaction when your homeboy says to you "what's up my nigga" or "what's up dog"?

"I don't mind if my colleagues greet me in that manner, because that's young people's way of communicating" said Reginald Reed, a sophomore, majoring in communications.

It is not that easy. It is not just young people communicating. It is young (black) people allowing their fellow students to call them the names that we wouldn't ordinarily allow anyone else to call us (playing or not), or the names that we cringe at when we hear white people use them.

Is this a double standard?

"I don't believe that it is a double standard. Because when we speak to our homeboys and homegirls most times we are just playing. "I believe that as students we have the understanding that the way we speak to one another is not personal " said one student.

If it is so easy to speak slang, and not mean it,

then why not go the extra mile and call the person by his/her name and mean it.

The problem is not the use of slang so much, but the problem arises when slang is used with negative connotations.

As a people, we must learn to respect one another by addressing one another on a level that's not always derogatory.

"As harsh as it may seem," said one student, "My feelings is this: I am not any of the above; I am black and I am a female, not a whore, a bitch, a dog, or a nigga, so don't call me anything less" said a student.

"To me, it has a lot to do with R-E-S-P-E-C-T, and not "slang". There is a time and a place for everything, and the time is now for us as black people to start respecting one another more," said Kaye Sanford.

Slang is a highly informal speech that came about as a result of easy communications in its own unique environment. It is a part of many people's vocabulary, and should be used in different but comfortable settings.

Males show all in Alpha's annual review

By CANDACE BRINGAM  
Panther Reporter

The "macking, packing, never-lacking" Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpa Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., hosted their Third Annual All Male Fashion Review on April 19, 1993 in the Memorial Student Center.

The program extended its general male fashion entertainment to an all female audience only. The opening act consisted of modeling and dancing Alpha men who in different attire along with the opening act there were six other scenes in the program. The first scene was evening wear in which a few males from the campus modeled.

Todd Thomas entertained the crowd with a Luther Vandross song in the second scene. In the third scene the Holly Hall Kru performed a step dance for the audience. In the next scene the men modeled in the campus attire.

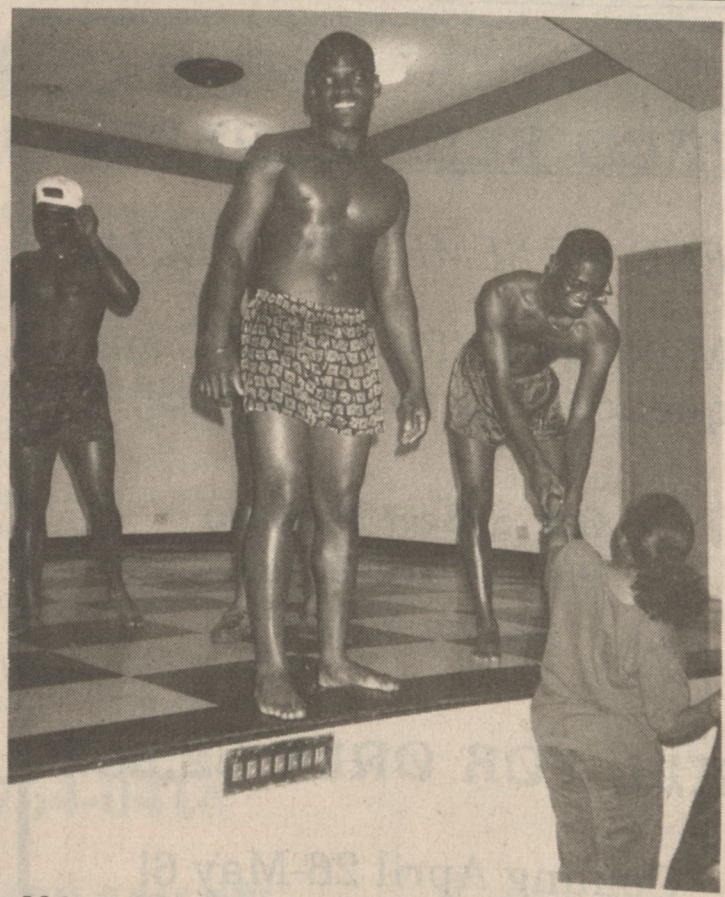
Norton Campbell also entertained the crowd in song during the fifth scene.

In the sixth scene, the men modeled sleepwear as they presented their silky boxers and bikinis. During this scene, the Alpha men learned that it was Lisa Jones' birthday.

As a surprise to Lisa, they called her up to the stage

performed their special Hoi Ellis was the program birthday dance for her while coordinator. Miss Roshawn she stood on stage. They also Reed, Mrs. Black and Gold of went out to the audience and 1993-94: and Katina Alexander, Mrs. Black and Gold 1993-94, Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter, worked with the mistress of ceremonies.

The Grand Finale, was a solo performance by the Ice Cold Eta Gamma Brother Mike Washington. The audience showed their enjoyment by rushing to the stage and giving him money. The purpose of the program was to provide an outlet through which women can be themselves and have fun.



Male models entertain female spectators in the audience

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# SPORTS

## Scholarships still pending

By STEPHANIE BANKS  
Panther Reporter

Students of Prairie View A&M University are probably wondering why the university still does not have any athletic scholarships. The answer to that is the "deficit."

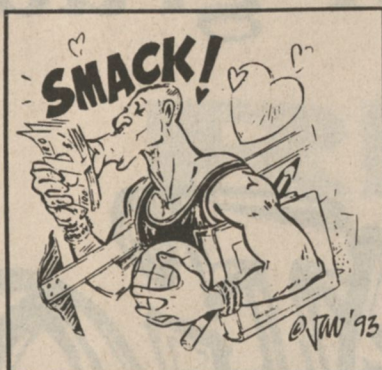
In 1989 when Gen. Julius Becton arrived at P.V. campus to serve as the president, the financial status of the university was bad.

As a result, all athletic scholarships were cut. The university was responsible for the scholarships of those students who did not transfer after the cut. This means the university has to "grandfather" the scholarships.

At this point, there are less than 10 students on the "grandfather scholarships" for the '93-'94 school year but, there are a few stipends for the track and field area.

"In order to reinstate athletic scholarships, alumni, friends and corporations must be willing to contribute," says Coach Barbara Jacket, Athletics Director for P.V.

Prairie View does not receive money from the state to provide scholarships and the university can not afford



to provide the money either. Therefore, the athletics department must become self supported.

Jacket says that out of 22,000 letters sent to alumni and friends asking for support for the athletic department, 123 responded to commit to donate money to reinstate athletic scholarships.

"If everyone would pledge \$100 out of almost 1,000 members of the faculty and staff, we would be able to reinstate the scholarships and be self supporting," says Jacket.

A certain amount of dedication should go to the university form staff members, faculty, alumni, friends and students to help Prairie View A&M University provide scholarships for atheltics and any other type of programs for other departments on campus.



Karate Champ Michael Wilson

## PV's version of "Bruce Li"

By CALVIN HILL  
Sports editor

Many of us here at PVU grew up watching karate movies with Bruce Li and Chuck Norris. We even pay to support the modern day warrior Van Damme.

Did you know we have our own karate champion here at PVU? Michael Wilson, a senior social work student, from Sherman, Texas is the U.S. Light middleweight Karate Champion.

Wilson began studying martial arts at the age of 10 and is a Black Belt in Taekwondo.

He has won various other tournaments such as the Cowntown Showdown, Big "D" Tourney and the Space City Tourney.

Wilson has various awards in karate including a trophy that stands 6' tall.

Wilson attributes his success to his family who encourages him to go all the way and be the best.

Wilson is able to balance karate, a job and studies which make him a well rounded student.

Wilson said, "Karate is very

important to me, but I want to pursue my professional career in social work first. One of my main goals is to start karate self-defense classes for women and kids to give them self-confidence

and self-esteem."

Wilson is currently ranked as one of the top 10 fighters and says, "Eventhough it is a great honor, I can't forget where I come from, this just shows what I have accomplished."

Wilson credits his roommate Bert Martin with being a great inspiration, "Without Bert's commitment to

working out with me none of this would be possible."

Wilson is currently training with Linda Dinley, World Karate Champion and Olympian.

Dinley also made a special appearance in the movie "Sidekicks".

Wilson's next competition will be in the Cottonbelt Classic in Dallas, Texas.

Wilson plans to train this summer for the Kick Boxing Championships.

This is yet another example of PV producing positive people.

By CALVIN HILL  
Sports editor

Who said Prairie View does not have a reason to watch the NFL draft on April 25, 1993. NFL scouts like what they see in Bo Gilliard a 6' 190-pound junior wide receiver at Prairie View A&M University.

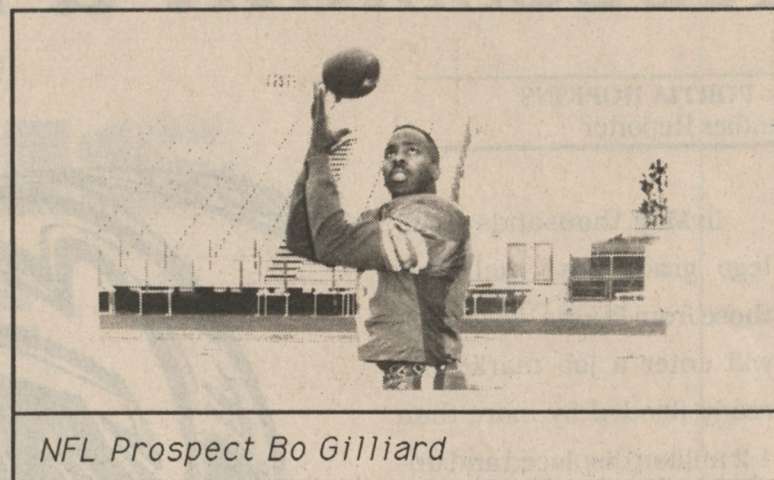
Bo is a native of Hempstead, Texas where he was on of the most sought after schoolboy football stars in the state. He was recruited to play for the legendary Eddie Robinson, but returned home to play at PV when his father was named assistant coach. Bo has 4.4 speed in the 40 yard dash and terrifies

opposing defenders. He lead the SWAC in pass receiving with 68 receptions , which is a school record.

Bo can catch the ball from all angles and has been compared to PV greats like the late John "Bo" Farrington and Otis Taylor. Bo runs great patterns and is considered on of the premier college wide receivers.

His NFL scouting report reads "unheralded athlete with explosive acceleration...runs with an effortless stride and shows tremendous pressure on a zone defense... a polished route runner who is very precise and deceptive in the open."

"He (Bo) has better hands and



NFL Prospect Bo Gilliard

speed than any receiver the Houston Oilers has now," said one NFL scout. Bo has declared for the NFL draft and could walk right into the field and become an

instant success with most NFL teams. Bo is just another example of PV producing positive people.

## Playoff hopeful for baseball

By ANGELA HARRIS  
Panther Reporter

As the Prairie View A&M University baseball season comes to an end. The Panthers hold a current record of 29-8, and third in the western Division conference. The team which consist of 21 players are coached by John Tankersley, who is now in his twenty year at P.V. The team still has strong chance to play in the Western Divisin playoffs held May 1-3.

"The team this year was young and inexperienced and lacked in pitching," said Tankersley. Since leaving the NAIA and entering SWAC, the competition is very hard. The Panthers have played some of the best teams in the country such as: Rice University Lamar

Unversity , Univesity of Houston South West University and Pan -

America these are some of the best teams in the country. And playing aganist these school were all a learning experience.

A key player on the team Greg Gladney known as "crash" for his homeruns presently leads the conference in homeruns. As of now "crash" has hit ten homeruns this season, and holds a batting average of .458. Andre Jackson leads the conference with his doubles. These two player along with the rest of the team have great potential of becoming a great ball team.

With two gradurating seniors leaving the team[Bruce Shepard senior pitcher and Marcus Ross senior catcher] the team will have to adjust accordingly. Coach Tankersley plans to

bring at least 15 new recurits, with a contact of



for the next season. With only a few games left the about four new pitchers from across Texas. This new edition will add to the aptitude of the young team

team would like everyone to come out and support them, as they try to advance to the play-offs and attempts to win the conference title .

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## Track teams in Pelican Relays

By CALVIN HILL  
Sports editor

The Panther track teams competed in the 35th Annual Pelican Relays at Southern University.

The ladies faired well in the

relays and Christina Gray won first place in the Triple Jump to lead the Lady Panthers in point totals.

The mens track team took second overall in the track meet. The team was paced by explosive 3200m and 1600m

relay teams. Individually Johnnie Roberts brought home the gold in the 3000m run and Troy Reese took the silver in the same event.

The panthers have had an excellent season this year.

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# Senior Edition

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## Recession: a reality check for graduates

By PORTIA HOPKINS  
Panther Reporter

In May, thousands of college graduates, including those from Prairie View A&M, will enter a job market already flooded by more than 1.2 million displaced and unemployed workers.

Since the days of the Reagan administration the United States has been in a state of economic limbo and the nation is now faced with the emergence of a single European market.

President William Clinton, has proposed to Congress his "Economic Stimulus Package." The plan is designed to generate millions of jobs, billions of dollars in revenue, reduce the national deficit of more than \$4.1 trillion, and, at the same time, end the recession (which began in the summer of 1990).

Although the plan has yet to be ratified by Congress, it seems promising.

But, at present, the recession is very real and the question is, how will it affect those looking for jobs now?

In the past, graduates have looked forward to recruitment by major companies, but in the last two years corporate attendance at job fairs has decreased by more than half. Although some students find employment waiting for them upon graduation, many others settle for jobs far below their expectations. Still others, after numerous unsuccessful attempts, join the 1.6 million who have given up looking for jobs altogether.

From the peak to the trough of the recession, black employment dropped by 207,000 or 1.7 percent of total black employment. The decline in black employment represents 15.3 percent of the total decline in employment. The total black income share was estimated at only 7.42 percent in 1992. "Black professionals and white-collar employment also faced more unemployment and loss of income," said Andrew F. Brimmer, member of the Black Enterprise Board of Economists, in a recent edition of Black Enterprise.

"College students, especially black college students and even those with exceptional grades will no longer be able to be as selective. . . there won't be as many jobs. There won't be as many job offers especially in some areas," said Mary Jo Kensey, a senior at Prairie View.

Prospective Prairie View graduates are no exception. Those without jobs will be forced to make a mad dash to the nearest employment and temporary agencies, only to be given a number and a clip board filled with papers. Even those with jobs waiting will feel the pinch of the recession because of the rise in the cost of living and cut-backs in company benefits. Consumer bankruptcies are estimated at 800,000 per year.

Another problem for those who do not find immediate placement with big-name companies is progress. Technology and structural advances occur every day. To be successful in any field, you must keep up with the progress in that field. The months or even years it may take to find a stable job lessen one's ability for successful professional competition. Those without day-to-day hands-on experience and access to training in a progressive professional environment, lack the resources needed to keep up with those who on the inside. Furthermore, competition will increase with every college semester, because of new graduates entering the market who have had the opportunity to intern in companies with this new technology and are willing to

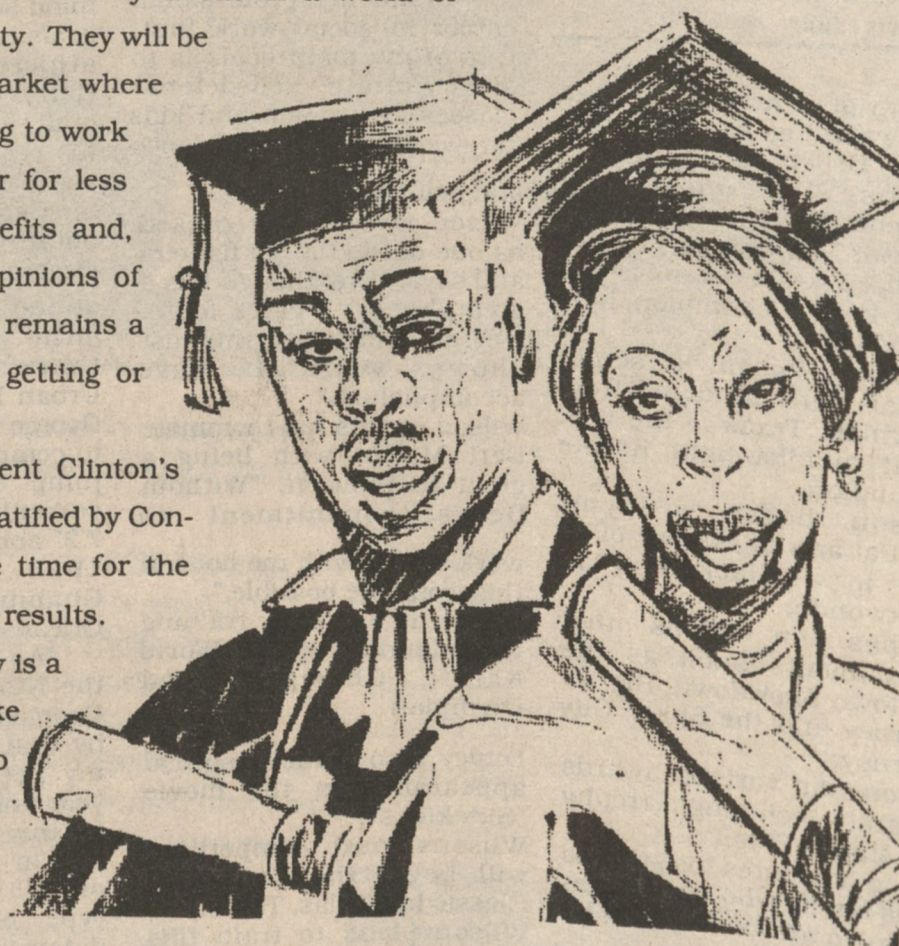


work for less.

Some students graduating from Prairie View are more concerned about the recession than others. Many students have opted to go to graduate school and work. The logic is: either their master's degree will put them a step above other applicants or with the money they save from working they will be able to sustain themselves until they get a reasonable career opportunity. "If I don't get a job in my field I'll keep the job I have and go to grad school. It's hard to tell," said Nathaniel Che' Jones, senior when asked about his plans after graduation.

Other students have not made getting their degree a primary factor in making decisions about their futures. Liz Vaughn, senior, said, "The recession is very real and in one way or another it will affect us all, but being a future entertainer, I hope to escape most of its effects." Whatever the case may be Prairie View graduates will have to work hard to stay afloat in a world of economic instability. They will be competing in a market where workers are willing to work longer and harder for less pay and less benefits and, contrary to the opinions of some, where race remains a serious factor in getting or not getting a job.

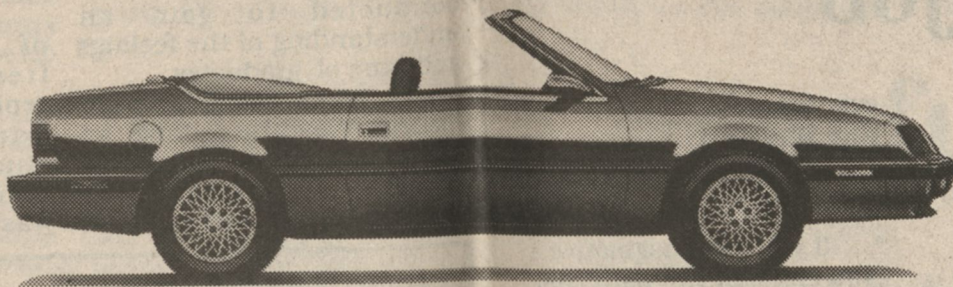
Even if President Clinton's economic plan is ratified by Congress, it will take time for the nation to see viable results. Economic recovery is a process. It will take time and there is no sure way to know exactly when it will start or when it will be over.



(As of April 22, Senate Republicans filibustered President Clinton's economic stimulus plan to defeat.)



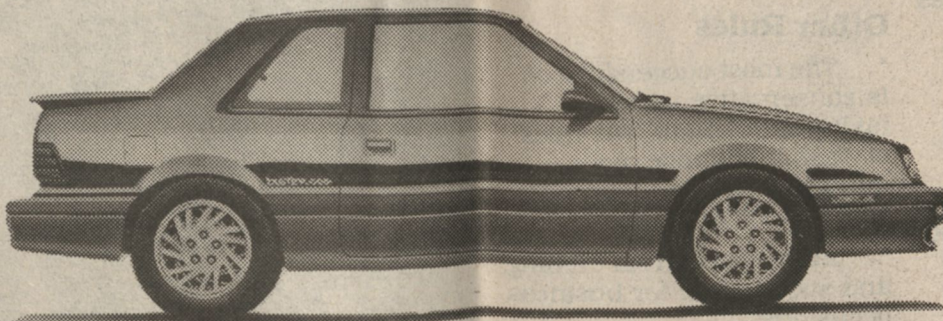
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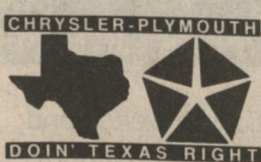
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# EDITION



## Dressing well is key for success on the job

Clothing is critical for success. Clothing should be used as a tool, and as a weapon when interviewing for a job opportunities.

The impression given by well dressed and groomed individuals is one of neatness, organization, and cleanliness.

Your clothing is a prospective employers first impression of you.

Your ability to dress well sends a message that you have a professional attitude.

Following are some basic rules for dressing successfully. They appear in the **Prairie View Placement Manual Spring 1993 Issue.**

### For Men

- \* In the usual business attire of a suit, shirt, and tie, it is safest to wear two solid colors and one pattern, or print. You can even wear three solid colors for a very conservative look.

- \* Avoid two large areas of pattern (a patterned suit and shirt is too much).

### Colors

- \* The suit color should be basepoint: blue, black, gray, or brown.
- \* The shirt should be a second or accent color that is lighter than the suit.
- \* The tie should be the color of the suit and should pick up the color of the shirt -but it should be darker than the shirt. For example, with a blue suit and soft yellow shirt, wear a navy and yellow tie.

- \* Wear black shoes with blue and black / gray suits. Wear brown shoes with beige, caramel and brown suits.

- \* Wear socks that match the color of your shoes. Business socks should be dark, solid color, and always calf length.

### Other Rules

- \* Only one part of an outfit should stand out.
- \* The best look is conservative.
- \* The most sophisticated look is simple. Avoid flashy jewelry, faddish clothes or

### evening wear.

#### For Women

- \* It is usual business attire for a skirt, blouse and blazer.
- \* If you feel imaginative, you can mix two patterns, but it must be done exceptionally well.
- \* Never wear three patterns together. This combination requires impeccable taste.

### Colors

- \* Subtle colors are generally wise. Women have a much broader range to choose from than men.

### Other Rules

- \* The most successful look is conservative with a fashionable flair. The rules of fashion change too quickly, don't be too trendy or super conservative.
- \* At all costs, avoid evening and social attire for business occasions. Dressing successfully and professionally will help deter sexual harassment.
- \* Use a mirror. If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't.

## Tips for important interview

By CHARLOTTE GARNER  
Panther Reporter

Hey seniors, its that time again!

You wonder what it would be like to have a job of your choice. And you would like to know, how to get it. Here are some tips for that all important interview.

In today's job market, there are some demands that you have to meet when you are going for an interview. Most of the time, the interviewer will be looking for what makes you tick.

Many people are competing for the same position you are going for, and you want to be the one to get the position. It is up to you to decide, if you want the job.

Not only will there be others competing, but you must be the one the interviewer must be interested in.

Being the best qualified is not enough. You must have the skills to communicate your interests, skills, and career plans to the employer. The interview is a means by which you and the interviewer can reach a

### common ground.

The key to a successful interview is a sound presentation. Be prepared to express your qualifications in an organized, convincing way. Know how your qualifications can be to the employer and let the employer know. Be sure to tell the employer know why you should be hired.

Here are a few types of wants that can help you to go along with the interview:

Type of position you desire.  
Type of work environment.

Location.  
Anything else you may feel is pertinent

Another ideal is that you must know who the employer is and what they do. You must know the types of jobs available, services, and the locations the business is in.

Seniors, it is up to you to decide if you are the one for the job.

As you know, in an interview, there are a few rules that will apply to see if the job is for you.

The rules that apply is what the interviewer looks for: handshake, eye contact,

diversity of interests, knowledge of your personal strengths and weaknesses, ability to cope with problems, and positive reactions.

On an interview, you must put the important facts first.

Be on time.  
Bring a resume even though you may have sent one in.

Know the interviewer's name.

Be friendly and courteous.

Look and be confident about yourself. At the end of the interview, thank the interviewer by name and with a handshake.

You should know within a week if the job has been positioned for you, because the interviewer will be pleased to have you join the corporation if he or she liked the way you handled yourself.

These are all of the main facts that you should know about how the interview works in the real world.

Good luck seniors! And God bless you with lots of courage and wisdom in the new life you will be creating after graduation.

## Survey of seniors show many believe PV did well

By MONA SMITH  
Panther Reporter

\*Seniors fear not having a job after graduation!

\*Many seniors expect to own and run businesses 10 years from now!

\*Some will give back to PV; other seniors won't!

\*The most important thing learned at PV was how to survive!

These were some of the opinions expressed by students who participated in a survey of 60 graduating seniors at Prairie View A&M University recently.

The survey included seniors from Jamaica, Ghana, Kansas City, Beaumont, Houston, Detroit, Connecticut and other cities. The average age of those surveyed was 23 years.

The survey was conducted to gain an understanding of the feelings and fears of graduates.

When asked whether Prairie View has done an adequate job in preparing students for careers, the majority of the seniors said

yes. "My department allows each student to receive hands-on experience that will prepare students for careers in the field of communication," said one graduating senior.

Many seniors would like to see changes within the administration, faculty and in living conditions, while others desire an improved student-faculty relationship.

An outstanding number of women are aiming for success in the business world and putting the institution of marriage and family on hold.

Women are competing for top positions in government on the local,

state and national levels. Child-bearing has been postponed in order for women to reach their goals.

When asked for words of advice for entering freshmen, one senior replied, "Get involved with extra-curricular activities, study hard and network. Time is too valuable to waste."

Many fears were expressed by the graduating seniors. Common fears were failure, not being able to find a job and being in the real world.

Prairie View has taught some seniors to be self-confident, patient, persistent and independent. Others have learned that nothing in life is guaranteed and that friends come and go, but family is forever.

Many seniors are continuing there education in graduate, medical, or law schools. Some seniors will start working immediately and others will continue to look for work in their field.

Graduating seniors are to be commended for a job well done. Through all the hard work, late nights and challenging classes, they made it!

The Panther would like to congratulate the seniors and thier accomplishments. Although we say farwell, we also wish them GOOD LUCK!

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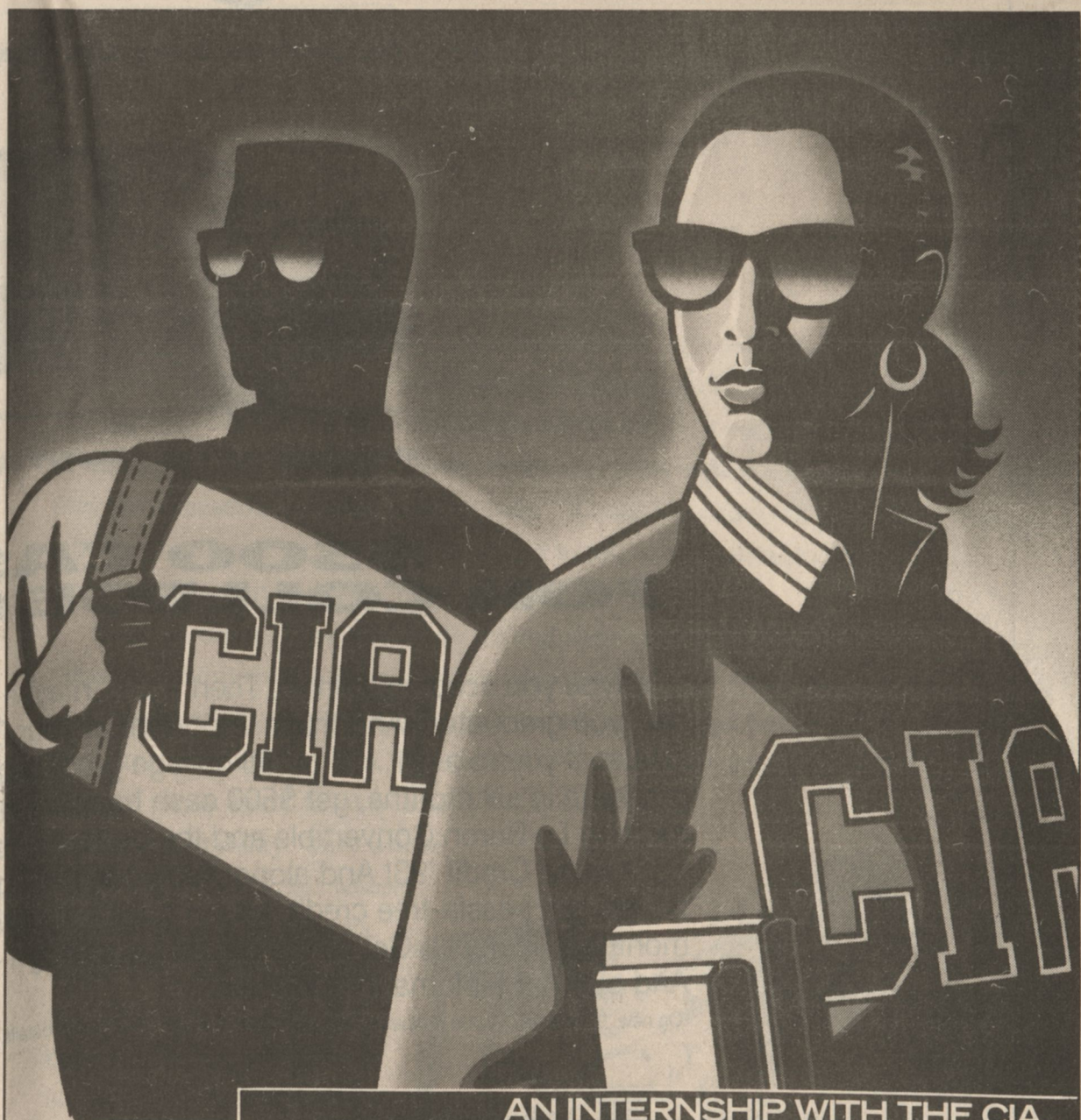
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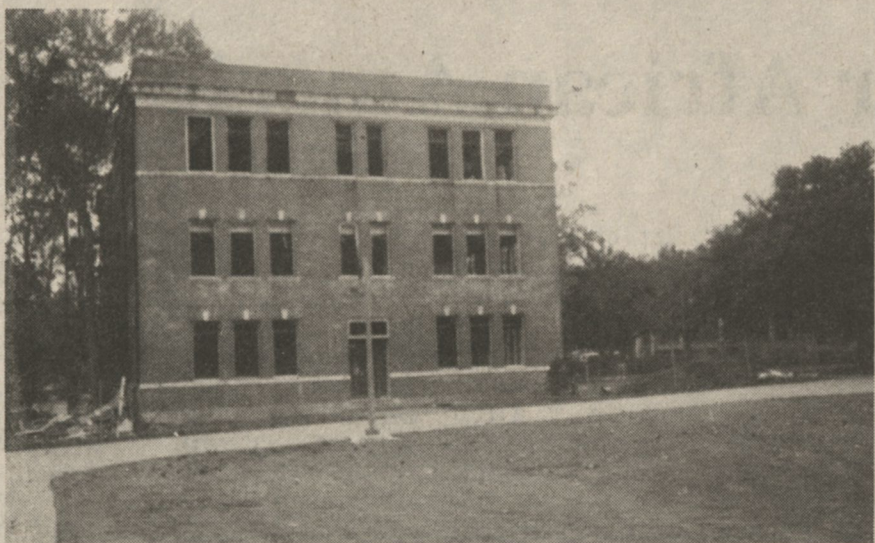
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Old Science Buildings before destruction



President Becton With Interim President Dr. Milton Bryant



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The Old Gym, Party house '89-'90

## Recollections of things past

By. RICCI JETT  
Panther Reporter

Each year, around this time it seems as though a certain group of people begin to act strangely, even exuberantly. They dress expressively, become very loud, try to get out of whatever they possibly can, spend a lot of time with friends, focus on graduation

and forget about school. (SENIORITIS) Wait a minute, forget about school, how can one forget about life on "The Hill"? Let's take a look back!

### FRESHMAN YEAR '89-'90

"Crab" is what they (upperclassmen) call you, straight out of high school, unless you sat out for a year,

with no SWAC hours. Jerry curls, tails, carrying purses, and two-arm back packs were the "norm"; at least that's what you thought. While you may have been one out of a few hundred in high school, you are now one out of several thousand. Some of you fit right in, while others experience a culture shock. Either you were not in

shape or the campus was extremely large, with the result that you suffered from side cramps while walking to familiarize yourself with the "yard". It was then that you encountered the trials and tribulation of registration. But at the same time, you were taught the tricks of the trade for getting through by those "helpful" upperclass-

men. As this year's graduating class, you remain the witnesses of the only win our Panther football team had in the past four years, with that victory coming during Homecoming '89. Speaking of Homecoming, now that's when it (Homecoming '89) was worth the anticipation. The spirit, continued on page 10

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# EDITION

## In certain regions, job outlook bright for African Americans

By STEPHANIE BANKS  
Panther Reporter

Now you are a college graduate and you have no idea what company or area is best for you.  
Do not be discouraged.

February 1992 issue examines the best regions and fields available.  
In the Northeast, you will find a high concentration of jobs in the financial service, accounting and legal industries. These fields have a high demand for

sophisticated software and data analysis specialists.  
In the Midwest-areas like Chicago and Indiana, --there is a growth in telemarketing. In the South there are opportunities offered in the health care industry and nursing homes. Because of the increase in the population, there is also a demand for those in food distribution, retail sales and education.  
Those who are fascinated with the West Coast will find that it is an ethnically diverse region where there is a demand for architects and engineering

professionals.  
Based on a survey in the same issue of Black Enterprise, the 25 best places for blacks to work were listed. Xerox was listed as one of the best place for African Americans to work. African Americans make up more than 13 percent of the employment quota and 10 percent of them hold management positions.  
On the east coast, AT&T laboratories in New York are recruiting and training black engineers and scientist. African Americans make up 15 percent of the work force. In

addition, there is Minority and Women's Business Enterprise also for engineers. Aside from AT&T there is Amoco, a worldwide petroleum and chemical company. This company has been ranked by the National Association of Black Engineers. More than 20 percent of its employers are African Americans.  
There are a number of companies that have a commitment to Affirmative Action and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Among the 25 best companies listed, those that are fully committed

are Chrysler of Highland Park, Mich., Federal Express of Memphis, Tenn., Coca Cola of Atlanta and Ameritech of Chicago.  
Chrysler is one of the three major auto manufacturers that have a high percentage of black employees.  
Coca Cola's African American representation is 11 percent and it hosts several multicultural and environmental programs.  
Some companies find minority employees through mentor programs at black colleges, such as Pepsi-Cola

of Somers, NY, where 12 percent of its employees are African American and Philip Morris of New York who sends recruiters to black universities to scout out MBAs (Master's in Business Administration).  
In conclusion, a company is only what you make of it. Take advantage of the Affirmative Action plans and work your way to the top or own your own business. Then you can chose who you would like to hire. Good luck.

## 'It's up to students to qualify for graduation'

By DERALD POWELL  
Managing editor

It's your last month of school. You have a job waiting, and you've sent out your invitations, when unexpectedly, your advisor calls you in and tells you that you can't graduate because you need one more hour.

Unfortunately this is happening increasingly at Prairie View because of failure to communicate with advisors, plan ahead, and pay attention to posted deadlines.  
Dr. Paul Biney, an advisor in the mechanical

engineering department said students should list all courses to graduate and bring the list to the advisor before registering for the last two semesters.  
If it is known how many hours students need the number of hours can spread over two semesters. If it is determined that a student

needs to take more hours, he or she can take up to 20 hours per semester with the permission of the dean.  
Some problems arise when the advisor changes and becomes a student's department head during the final year, said Biney.  
Dr. S.B. Lin, head of the department of mechanical engineering said he checks to see if the students can graduate before they register. He checks by using copies of the university's evaluation form.  
Lin said that he advises students to fill out a form with all of the classes they have taken and possibly bring a transcript and check their records with his. "I've

never missed with this system," said Lin.  
Lin has never missed, but other students haven't had advisors with such accuracy.  
Charles (Chuck) McClelland, senior accounting major, came to Prairie View in '89 and has checked the courses off consistently. When his folder was reviewed this month he needed three hours.  
He only had two one-hour credit classes that could compensate and was left one hour short. He was told that nothing could be done.  
Lin said students can take classes where they go, but anything over two hours can't be transferred depending on what class or what type of class is involved.

Darlene Clark, who works in the registrar's office said students have a deadline to apply for graduation but some miss it and the registrar has been lenient and allowed students to apply in the past.  
The duties of the registrar's office include posting up the deadlines for graduation and informing the deans, said Clark.  
Ultimately, it's the

responsibility of the students to make all preparations for graduation.  
McClelland has made the best of a bad situation. "It's given me more time to sort out my future...I might even go to graduate school," he said.



## "Wonder Years"

the people, the food, the parties. Oh the PARTIES!!  
You jammed to the sounds from Soul II Soul's "Back To Life", chilled to Christopher Williams' "Promises Promises", and Barry White's "Secret Garden" under the Tent and in the ultimate party domain, The Old Gym.  
The Old Gym, where the Michigan Club introduced its House music, the Phi Beta Sigmas expressed their "greekdom" through Toga parties, and last but not least, where the Wisconsin Sleepers held their notorious Pajama Party, stands no more. Gone but not forgotten by the Class of '93.  
Don't you remember seniors, Dr. Bryant was acting (interim) president during this time, and not until late Spring '90 did the The Texas A&M Board of Regents announce that Gen. Julius W. Becton was president of Prairie View University.

opened with the inauguration of Becton. Along with Becton came few but significant changes, few parties on the yard have been limited; so-called visitation rights had been stripped for some, and football at Prairie View was no more.  
Before the Persian Gulf War in the Spring of '91, you helped greet Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Colin Powell as the guest speaker at the Presidential Inaugural Convocation that fall semester 1990.  
As sophomores, you had the opportunity to distinguish freshmen from upperclassmen. You harassed and teased just as you had been.  
By this time, you thought you knew all the "ropes". For instance, who to take for Trigonometry. Yes, "Trig" your sophomore year, 'cause if you didn't do well on the math part of the Pre-TASP test you took your Freshman year, it was certain that you were behind because of those d--- remedial courses.

JUNIOR YEAR '91-'92  
It was time to get serious and be about "business". Most of your remaining courses were within your major, so you were familiar with the professors.  
So familiar that you could actually convince them that you've been to more than one funeral for the same relative. Participation in activities became very limited since you were concentrating on past due assignments.  
You see, it seems you had more respect for professors and others when you were a freshman than you do now.  
You were much more embarrassed when you were caught slacking off then. You actually abided by the honor's system when grading your own paper.

## "How to prepare a resume"

By, Glenda Dearion  
Panther Reporter

"How To Prepare A Resume"  
Nearly everyone begins searching for a career some time in his or her life. To begin the search, a well-designed resume that outlines and summarizes your qualifications and interests to a prospective employer is always needed.  
The main function of your resume is to get you invited for an interview. It is an advertisement of your skills, experience, and knowledge, presented in the most favorable light.  
Writing a successful resume is an art form. It is important that your resume be pleasing to the eye of the beholder and for it to clearly present facts about you.  
The first thing to consider when writing a resume is the paper on which it will be presented. An off-white color may help your resume stand out. Do not use pastels or dark colors because they look unprofessional. Standard-business size is always acceptable. Although you may have several years of experience and noteworthy achievements, it is important to try to limit your resume to a single page.

Another essential factor to consider is a cover letter. A cover letter may influence how favorably your resume is viewed. A well written cover letter is helpful to the job seeker. It allows the job seeker an opportunity to personalize and target the resume to a particular person.  
Now that you know the importance of a cover letter, the length and the color for a resume, you now must choose a format. There are many resume formats but the most commonly used are chronological and functional. Chronological resumes are used for people with perfect records of employments, which includes the dates of current and past employment. Functional resumes are advisable for those with employment gaps or other activities he or she prefers not to reveal. Therefore, the focus of this format is mainly on accomplishments.

In order to produce your resume you need to choose one of the following methods: typesetting, typing or word processing. All three are extremely good, but typesetting is the preferred method because it gives the clearest, sharpest image of the three. It also offers a wide variety of typestyles including italics, bold letters, and justified margins.  
It is important to make your resume attractive. Stick to a simple clean typeface. Although there are many to choose from, Time, Roman, Helvetica, and English are best because of their simplicity of design and clarity to the eye.  
After preparing your resume, remember to proofread for mistakes. Mistakes are embarrassing and unacceptable. It is wise to make as many duplicates as possible. Make sure that each copy looks as good as the original since the appearance of your resume makes a good or bad first

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When you were in doubt, you pulled it out, that cheat sheet. But that's okay; for your sake, Prairie View hopes that this didn't become a habit, for it would be a shame if you went out in the world and represented the university so poorly.

SENIOR YEAR '92-'93  
Hip-Hip Hooray! You've made it. All your diligent work has paid off.  
You've been patient, obviously. Graduation time is but a few weeks away. It seems only a few days ago when you were a freshmen. You're truly the last class of OLD SCHOOL. Now let's see what you can do with your NEW MIND!



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Messages of goodwill to PV grads of 1993



The foundation of any university is its students and its prestige is measured against the success of its graduates. As you move on to life's challenges, we hope you will continue to support your alma mater. We are proud that you are a product of the traditional excellence of our own Prairie View A&M University. Our past graduates have made a positive impact as leaders in our state and in our country. We expect no less from you.

On behalf of the Prairie View A&M University family of faculty, staff and students, I extend well wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,  
Julius W. Becton, Jr.  
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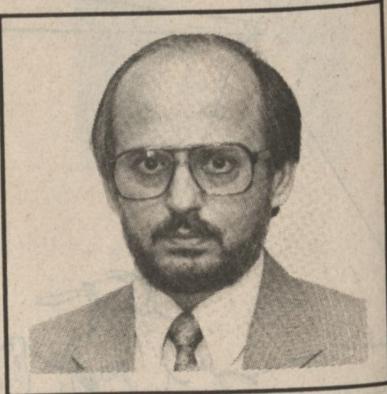


grateful to have been a part of your lives, and I look forward to watching you move into positions of leadership and influence.

To our Communications graduates, we will miss you and thanks for the memories -- really! And finally, to the Panther staff: What a great job you've been doing. My hat is off to you especially for producing this special edition for the university community.

Congratulations and God speed to all our graduates.

Milard Elland, Dean  
Communications



To: May 1993 Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation.

May 9, 1993, the commencement day is a day of dreams come true. Not only your dreams, but the dreams of your parents and loved ones who worked hard to make this day possible for you.

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Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the faculty and staff members of the College of Education, I congratulate you on your successful completion of your respective degree programs. You have invested an immense amount of energy and hard work to reach this very important milestone in your lives and we wish you continued success in all your personal and professional endeavors. Your parents and other family members who provided you with financial and moral support over the

sheltered life and enter the real world, you carry with you our best wishes and prayers for a happy and successful life.

At this point you are like a ship who is leaving a safe harbor and sailing to an open sea. Remember, a ship which remains anchored to safety doesn't get anywhere. On the other hand, a ship which adventures out, finally gets somewhere.

Again, congratulations.

Haku Israni, Dean  
College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology

years also deserve our thanks and congratulations.

We hope that you'll not only keep in contact with us in the future, but also lend us a helping hand in making the College of Education attain even greater heights.

The college of Education will host a continental breakfast for you and your family members on Sunday, May 9, 1993 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Room 304 of the New Classroom Building. We hope you are able to attend.

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The Panther would like to extend a warm thank you to the following people in assisting with the Special Edition of the paper:

Mrs. Lori Williams, Dr. Flossie Byrd, Professional Food Management, Subway, Dr. M. Elland, Newswriting & Reporting class and Feature & Magazine writing class.

The issue is provided as a service to graduating seniors. We hope you enjoy.

A call for PV graduates to support alma mater

By, CELIA BELL  
Panther Reporter

Many PV graduates have forgotten about their Prairie View roots.

As alumni of Prairie View we should take pride in our school, since these are the best years of our lives.

But there are many who disagree, simply because Prairie View has dissatisfied us in some way.

One graduating senior stated she would not support PV. "Prairie View was a waste of my time and I was tired of getting the run around by the faculty and the administration.

"I'm only treating PV the way they treated me and I know I am not the only one who feels this way."

But is that the way we should treat our university - one that has struggled to bring higher education to young African American men and women?

According to three of our graduating seniors pride for PV will always be in their hearts.

Russell Carter, an Electrical Engineering major / entrepreneur says, "I believe PV has done a great job of educating many African Americans.

"It provided a successful pathway for me and I would like to give back for students behind me.

"I plan to offer jobs for F.V. students once I am well established."

Walter Barnes, an Animal Science major, said he will support his alma mater once he graduates. "We as blacks need to support our black schools. If we don't support them, they won't be able to survive.

"We have to contribute our time and funds to the university in order for it to continue educating students."

RATV major, P. Gaines said, "Yes, I will contribute and support Prairie View, because I want to help in improving the student life on

campus. Prairie View is a landmark. This university is filled with great diversity and traditions, and we should be proud.

Just think, what would happen if we do not support PV after we, graduated.

"We have to realize it is our responsibility and duty to support our alma mater. "PV made it possible for us to succeed and we should contribute back to the university, whether we spend our time helping PV or trying to help raise money for this

Frank Jackson, an alumnus of PV and Director of Auxiliary Enterprise at Prairie View. Being a black educational institution is an honor. It shows we have made progress and we will continue to strive for excellence.

We are an historical monument, because we represent the many diversities on this campus. Let's let the dream of our royal purple and gold rise, because we are the products of this great institution.

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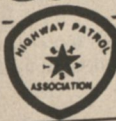
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Strategies for managing, limiting debt

By ERICA SANDERS  
Panther Reporter

As the semester comes to a close, seniors have numerous obstacles to face. Graduating seniors are faced with problems such as finding jobs, preparing to leave home, and paying overdue bills. These bills often escalate from past-due credit card bills, every-day living expenses, and student loans.

Fortunately, there are ways that one can reduce credit-card expenses, and the cost of living. In order to do so you must live by the golden rule of financial prosperity--that is to pay yourself first!

Too often, undergraduates are not cautious about financial investments. While in college, they applied for every credit card in the universe!

Unfortunately, we received most of the credit cards we applied for. Once we received a particular credit card, we yielded to the temptation to charge lavishly on material items. As a result, a lot of us got into hot water!

Credit cards can be financially rewarding if one pays bills on time. Credit cards such as Citibank Visa/Mastercard allow at least 30 working days to pay back credit charges. If you fail to pay charges within the extension period, do not fret!

The most important step to getting out of credit card debt is to pay back bills in about 12 monthly installments.

The longer you wait to pay an installment, the more you have to pay. This is due to the fact that all credit card agencies have interest rates. Some interest rates can be as high as 24 percent annually.

Graduating seniors are also faced with the dilemma of paying back student loans. Fortunately, most loans such as the Stafford Loan and Guaranteed Student Loan allow graduates a grace period of at least six months before they have to begin paying the loans.

Graduates have anywhere from 5 to 10 years to repay these types of loans. Unfortunately, interest is applied annually when repaying the loans in monthly installments.

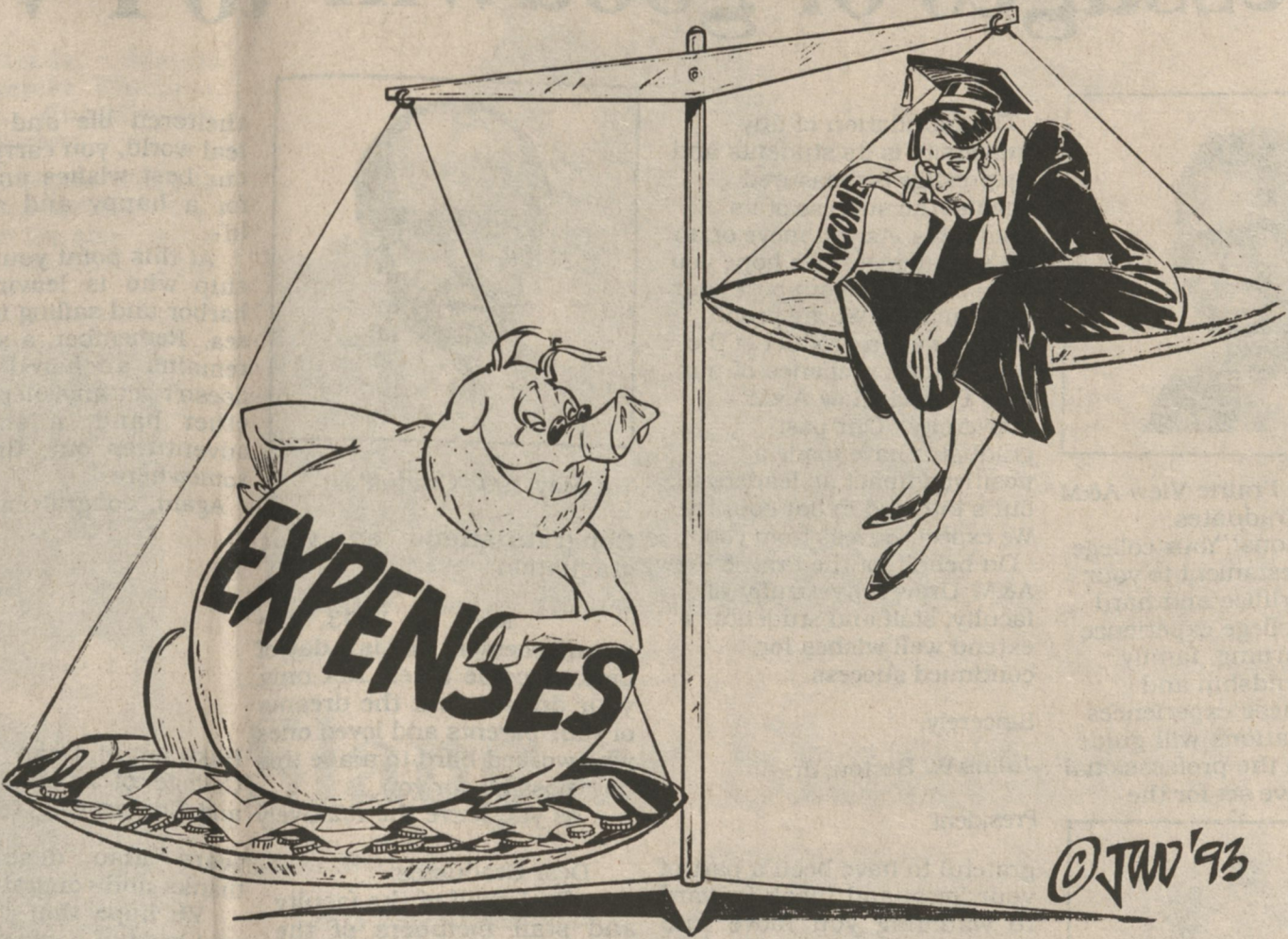
When one finally lands a steady job, the number one rule is to start repaying credit card bills, bank loans, student loans, as well as other bills, right away!

The longer one delays paying bills, the higher the interest, and the more one buries oneself in debt. Graduating seniors should also try to live within their means. You should not spend more than you make.

This statement might sound a little silly, but by over-charging on credit cards you are doing exactly that. Many individuals fail to realize that credit card bills, as well as loans must be paid in a certain period of time. Failure, to do so can ruin your credit record.

Graduates should also fix a financial budget. This budget should include paying back needed bills, as well as setting aside a small amount in savings. The money in savings can be invested numerous ways. One can invest in U.S. Savings Bonds, Mutual Funds, or stock.

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from many companies, so, if one company fails, the other might prove to be a gold mine.

are also an investment option for those who love to take risks. Stocks can yield financial growth, but are much riskier than mutual funds.

Seniors, the sky's the limit! Remember to set up a monthly budget, pay off your bills, and don't be afraid to invest your money. Make your money work for you!

Seniors face financial obstacles

By, MORENIKE EFUNTADE  
Panther Reporter

The students in the Class of '93 have a variety of interest and goals.

Still, these graduating seniors have a lot in common when it comes to their concerns about the future.

As this year's commencement draws closer, many seniors are looking toward a future of uncertainty, excitement and fear.

May 9, Mother's Day, marks the beginning of new experiences for many graduates. They will be attending new schools, starting new jobs, living in new states, and obtaining responsibilities.

Sharon Henderson, a journalism major and political science minor, has plans to attend law school in the fall.

"I'm afraid I'll be out in the real world with no real purpose, destination or job, and will have to rely on my parents."

Political science major and Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Maya Rockeymoore, knows where she'll be after graduation. She has been accepted to study under the Graduate Minority Program at Purdue University. She says she never feared that she wouldn't get accepted she only feared it wouldn't be the college of her choice. She has other concerns.

"I'm concerned about being in the middle of nowhere with virtually no black community,"

referring to Purdue's location in West Lafayette, Indiana.

"I'll be at a school with thousands of white people. It's an adjustment coming from Prairie View, but I think I can make it."

Eric Anderson, a chemical engineering major has decided to work after graduation. He has a job with Eli Lilly & Co., in Indianapolis.

"I'm afraid I might get laid off and that I won't know what I'm doing when I get to my job," Anderson says. He plans to work for a year and then go to graduate school and eventually receive his Ph.D.

"I'm afraid I'll be out in the real world with no real purpose....."

Sharon Henderson  
senior

One thing that all of these graduates are concerned about is money. Rhonda Edison, a biology major, will be attending the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and aspires to be a pediatrician.

"I'm worried about how I will pay my tuition. I want to go to medical school full time, without the hassle of paying loans. I don't want to work because it will interfere with my intense studies," Edison said. She does not want to put the burden of paying fees on her parents, and hopes to receive a scholarship to cover her expenses.

Managing money is also Henderson's concern. She most likely will be leaving the state and will have to find a place to live.

"I'm worried about

the responsibilities of having an apartment, and budgeting my money to pay for tuition, living expenses and transportation."

These graduates also have some regrets about their performance at Prairie View.

Rockeymoore wishes she had prepared better for her Graduation Record Examination (GRE). "My scores affected where I did and did not get accepted and the money I received from each school," Rockeymoore said. She said feels that if she had done better on the examination, she might have gotten into Princeton, which was her first choice.

"Now that it's down to the wire, I can think of thousands of things I could have done differently," says Henderson. "This is what I've been hoping and dreaming for, and what I've prepared myself for. If I don't even get accepted, I'm sure it will have a detrimental affect on my self-esteem," Henderson says.

In general, these fears are fears that most people have. These students are about to make major changes in their lives. They're about to leave the Prairie View family, leave their friends--some of whom they went to elementary, middle and high school with, and start from scratch.

"I'm afraid I won't see these people again," says Eric Anderson.

The Class of 1993 is moving on. Many of their concerns are valid, but these students have been prepared well for the outside world, and will most likely

overcome any obstacles that face them.

Commencement a Mother's Day affair

Charlotte Johnson  
Reporter

In great Prairie View tradition, the commencement exercises for the Class of '93 will be held on Mother's Day this year.

Mother's have watched their children grow up, graduate from pre-school, graduate from high school, and now to witness them graduating from Prairie View A&M University.

This extraordinary event has annually been held on Mother's Day and the excitement can be felt as the event they've all been waiting for quickly approaches.

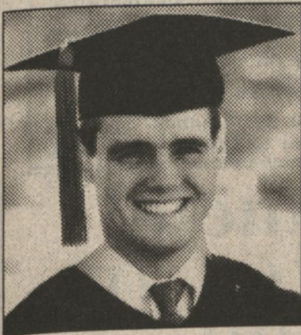
Commencement exercises is May 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Baby Dome. The speaker for this memorable occasion is Dr. Dolores R. Spikes, president of the Southern University System.

Ms. Spikes is to speak to a graduating class of 695 seniors. These students have given four to five years of their lives and dedicated those years in pursuit of higher education and it is all finally complete.

As emotions of joy, fear, and anxiety fill the graduating class of '93, those of us that remain as students and faculty wish them lots of prosperity and love. Good Luck and Congratulations!!!

**CORRECTION!** A recent Panther article on the Faculty Senate stated that student representatives were members of the Senate. This was incorrect; students are not members of the Faculty Senate. However, the Senate represents the interest and concerns of the student body as part of its mission.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Revisiting the issue of prayer on campus

### Sexual harrassment from PV police department

Letter to the Editor

On April 18, Officer R. F. Aleman badge #914 apprehended two PV students, a man and woman, and brought them to the campus police station for an arrest of on a misdemeanor charge. Aleman then placed the students in different rooms for questioning. While Aleman questioned the female, he used his position as an officer (I use the term officer very lightly) to try and intimidate the woman into going on a date with him.

After Aleman explained to the woman that he would dismiss the charges, he asked her, "...if I asked you on a date does your boyfriend have to find out." Aleman went on to say, "we can find a place with nice margaritas... we can go out, eat and drink; but it would have to be somewhere away from Prairie View."

Officer Aleman went on to talk about his wife. He said, "my wife gives me a hard time so I go out a lot..."

Aleman knew that the arrested woman's boyfriend was in the next room. Aleman

repeatedly told the young lady that her boyfriend did not have to find out. Aleman also said that her boyfriend seemed upset.

Aleman continuously checked to see if the boyfriend was listening by peeping in and out the door, but the boyfriend overheard the conversation despite the officer's efforts.

While Aleman used his furtive, intimidating tactics to ask for a date, the woman said later that she felt "like my answer would affect my case..." "This was my first time in a police station and I was scared; scared that if I said no he would put me in jail... before we were arrested he said that we were going to the jail in Waller; I did not want to go to jail."

In case Aleman is wondering, the young lady is planning to press charges. Both students have consulted with an attorney and found that Aleman's behavior is defined as abuse of authority and sexual harassment.

Why shouldn't we have prayer on school campus? "Atheist are those who do not believe in God and are the ones who want to prohibit prayer in schools," said Memvis Jaye Hale, a former teacher of Houston Independent School District.

Pastor Ronald Wayne Fuller said, what people need today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but people that would pray. I strongly recommend the presence of religious observances including prayer should be on campus.

If students would pray for our school, Prairie View A&M would be a better university. Professor Thomas L. Wayburn and many others have found several reasons why students

should not pray on campus. Prairie View A&M University needs God like any other school or university. Why can't we as students pray on campus? We allow fraternity parties, homecoming parties and other things that does not include prayer or the presences of God and no one never opposes it, but there is always talk against prayer or religion in a school setting.

Mr. Wayburn said, "Many members of the community find prayers particularly christian prayers at school functions embarrassing and humiliating. Students do not know what to think when they are asked to 'bow their heads.' But I beseech the difference because this is one student on campus who

knows what she is thanking God for all of his goodness, how he brought her out of sin. how he taught her how to live right, and how he never left her in the time of trouble.

According to Wayburn, prayer on campus is unfair, indecent or illegal; we as a people need to realize that prayer changes things and it makes all the difference in the world. How can we ask God for his blessings over our children and the students on campus and we don't want to pray? Isn't that a sign of unthankfulness.

Prayer is always in order and is never an intrusion on any one. The Holy Bible Tells us that men should always pray. Christians should never have a drawback spirit when it comes to praying,

because it is a command from God to pray.

We are living in the last days and we have to pray just to make it today. Finally, let us not forget that it is God that takes care of us from day to day, and blesses us with good jobs that we may live comfortable to support our families.

Please faculty, staff, and students we must not prohibit prayer, hymns, and other religious events on campus, because God is a good God and he is worthy to be praised no matter where you are.

Shair Loving

## Alphas defend their name

Letter-to-the-editor

Finally, after nearly a semester of numerous false and incomplete reports about the status of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Eta Gamma chapter, at Prairie View A&M University, here is the truth.

Before I release the official details, I must state that people, and especially people affiliated with the "press" should verify and research their informants and information before they print or broadcast the information.

First, the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is not on probation for any of the reasons mentioned previously in this publication.

The Eta Gamma Chapter is on probation, as stated in paragraph four of the letter dated December 10, 1992, from Col. Daniels, Vice President of Student Affairs, for "...failure to discipline its members for flagrant policy

violations". This quote brings me to my next point.

Next, the Eta Gamma chapter would have, does, and will discipline its members whenever its members are proven guilty of any policy, fraternal, university, legal violation.

In paragraph six of the same December 10, 1992 letter from Col. Daniels, it states that "In addition, the individual members as cited are being referred to the University's Judiciary Panel for appropriate action". As of today's date, less than two weeks before the end of the semester, all of "...the

individual members as cited..." have recieved the "...appropriate action". NOTHING!!

None of the members referred to above, have even recieved any type of correspondence from the Judicial Panel, which has an attorney on its board, unlike the highly questionable organization review

board that does not even have one attorney, or any other legal expert on its board.

Apparently the Judicial Panel agrees about disciplining only those people proven guilty of any violation. Also, the allegations made against the aforementioned members of the Eta Gamma chapter dealt with the local, state, and more than likely federal laws, but there has been no local, state, nor federal legal actions taken by the accusers nor their associates.

This probably because the accusers and their associates know that their bogus allegations and great lack of evidence would not stand up in the court of law.

Thus, if the Judicial Panel, local, state, and, or federal courts did not find any of the aforementioned members of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. guilty of the previously mentioned fabricated and malicious

accusations, then who should be disciplined?

If the Judicial Panel, local, state, and, or federal courts did not discipline the aforementioned members of the Eta Gamma chapter, than why should the Eta Gamma chapter discipline them? Hence, why has the Eta Gamma chapter been "...censored for failure to discipline its members..."?

This is the eighteenth consecutive TCAC College Chapter of the Year title that the Eta Gamma chapter has attained, thus winning the prestigious award based on leadership, scholarship, and community service, since its inception.

Remember, "Don't believe the hype!" and always do right!

Brandon C. Taylor  
President-Emeritus  
Alpha Phi Alpha  
Fraternity, Inc.,  
Eta Gamma Chapter

## Concerned student defends beliefs

After having read the article in *The Panther* written by Professor Thomas L. Wayburn, I feel as though it is only fitting and proper that a response be given from the other side of the fence so to speak.

Before anyone begs to differ with Mr. Wayburn's views, I do think that a few questions and views need to be addressed;

1. Was the printed letter the entire version have or was it edited and if so to what extent.  
2. And if edited would the full version have anything different (though I believe that to be very difficult to do).

3. We need to obtain a firm grasp of the concept of perception, which is that **Perception is Reality**. Reality forges opinions and opinions strongly influence behavior.

What I mean is that how a person perceives something is reality to him, what is real to him will shape his thoughts and opinions and of course a

person's thoughts and opinions directly influences their actions.

What we must deal with I think, are the opposing perceptions that govern the Kingdom of God (Christianity) and the world at large who is not considered born again by Christianity.

First of all, let me preface the perception of the Kingdom of God by emphatically stating that the Kingdom of God is not a democracy. The head of this kingdom is titled King or Ruler and He was not elected. The reason why He is called Ruler is because it is by Him that standards and laws are made. That means that

Christians measure right and wrong, good and bad, right thinking, and right actions according to what we accept as being "The Word of God", which is in the Bible. The



## SPEAK OUT

Question: How would you define your Prairie View experience for the '92-'93 school year?



Ernest Smither III  
Electrical Engineer  
Boston, Ma.

"My time at Prairie View has been a unique experience because of the

people and the environment. Their is no other place in the world where you are able to sharpen your mind but also revel in the black experience. I believe Prairie View this year or the past years will prepare me for life experiences ahead".



Penelope Cipriani  
Freshmen  
Trinidad

"My 1992-1993 Prairie View experience was at best exciting; at worst unpredictable.

Every day was full of new challenges, which tested my ability to survive in a new environment. I have indeed came a long way from home".



# VIEWPOINTS

## Revisiting the issue of prayer on campus

United States of America (non-Christians), however, run their government by means of a democracy, which when summarized in a statement may be quoted as, "Majority rules and minority has rights." This is perhaps the best method to date, as it strives to adhere to the masses, thus satisfying the majority and respecting the separate beliefs of others.

Christianity, however, makes no provision for solely the majority, save that the majority is in accordance with their stance. We claim there is only one God and only one route to Him and that through Jesus, thereby dismissing Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and all others. Therefore, for one to call Mr. Wayburn's

general views absurd, one would first warrant the question, "By whose standards and perception?" After all individual perception is personal reality! Also Christians need to kill the notion that they are not involved with politics, because when they fail to vote, they are allowing someone else with possibly a different perspective of their own to elect their officials, who will make laws that for the most part may not be in harmony with their standards or beliefs. So, maybe we should turn our attention, first, to our thoughts regarding elections. Secondly, the lawmakers and finally, expressions made based upon those unfavorable laws.

With this in mind let us

consider the words of Mr. and a Spanish club emphasizes Wayburn. For there are a few Spanish, don't you think a points that he made that I Christian club would believe to be incorrect and that emphasize prayer? In addition by his very own arm that he to this the Supreme Court also uses to substantiate his own ruled on June 4, 1990, that students have the right to use school facilities for religious meetings as long as the school makes the space open to other clubs on campus which are not related to the curriculum.

In 1981, a Supreme Court decision affirmed that Christians on college campuses have the right to equal access. Equal access means religious groups have the same right to use school facilities as the Spanish club, math club or any other extracurricular group. Then the Supreme Court ruled, in an 8 to 1 decision, that the Federal Equal Access Act does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Question? If a math club emphasizes math

thereof."

b) "In order to ensure citizens freedom of conscience, the church is separated from the state, and the school from the church. Freedom or religious worship is recognized for all religions."

If you linked the first quote to the U.S. Constitution you linked correctly. So whose code is being followed? A 1987 poll by the Williamsburg Charter Society found that two-thirds of the American public believes that the phrase "separate of church and state" is in the U.S. Constitution. Wrong! What is found on the same subject is the plain protection of the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights, limiting Congress but not necessarily the states. Its first portion covers religion

Thomas Jefferson, as President, wrote a reply to a letter of congratulations from a group of Baptists in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1802. After having quoted the first admendment, he added, "thus building a wall of separation between church and state."

How many books or literature or projects are dedicated to their infant children, wives, other family members and friends? I wonder if they expected those persons to complete those endeavors for them?

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Storr

Joy of Koinonia

President

## PV student lends a hand

Dear Editor:

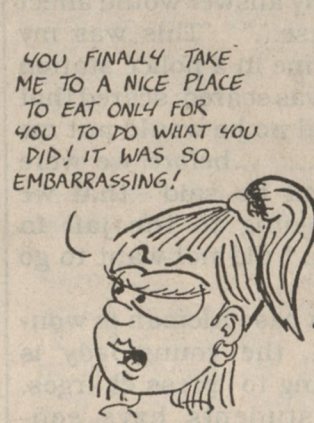
On March 18, 1993, I met a student who attends Prairie View A&M University when she stopped to help me after my car broke down across from Cy-Fair High. She took me to two service stations in order to get mechanical assistance and stayed with me until I had called home and made arrangements with the mechanic to take me back to the car. I had four children

with me, and the breakdown was a major one, so I neglected to get her name. However, I wanted to let her know how much her kindness was appreciated, and that my kids know think more about helping strangers because of her excellent. She attends classes on Thursday nights, and drives a small, grey pick-up. She is the kind of person we don't hear enough about and she deserves a big "Thank-You". I am sure she is a representative of the students

at Prairie View, and it's nice to be reminded of the good in most people. If she sees this, I want her to know that she helped us enormously and I am so grateful.

Sincerely,

Deborah Connor  
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Chappel Hill, Texas 77426



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Johnson says she was taking a picture with a friend, turned around and people were running toward her.

"I didn't have a chance to run and I was trampled," she said.

The truck drove in reverse and rolled over her body, missing her head by a half inch. The truck was lifted off her.

"They had to lift the truck off of her because she was unconscious. The girls who were with her crying because they thought she

was dead," Hendrix said.

Johnson was administered CPR until the paramedics came. She was taken to University Southwest Medical, where she remained in the ICU for two days. Earlier this week she returned to her home in Dallas.

Johnson says she plans to sue.

"I know a lot of people wanted to get back at him. I thank God I'm alive. Thanks for the prayers and concerns. I'm not scared anymore. I'm thinking I'll make it in the fall. I plan to come back to PV," she said.

Viewpoints

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Read it!

Talk about it!

Write about it!

Americans made greater academic gains; more eagerness to compete; more social assertion; greater cultural awareness, and the students emphasized feelings of connection, acceptance, support, encouragement and control. Also, the survey was able to show a greater connection between black students and instructors on HBCU campuses than on white campuses.

HBCUs communicate to black students that it is safe to take the risks associated with intellectual growth and development. Such environments also have more people who provide black students with positive feedback, support, and understanding, and who communicate that they care about the students' welfare.

The study also found that HBCUs provide positive social and psychological environments for African-Americans, provide an extensive network of friends, numerous social outlets, and supportive relationships, and provide multiple boosts to self-confidence and self-esteem, feelings of psychological comfort and belonging, and a sense of empowerment--a sense that "this is our campus."

When these social-psychological ingredients are present in optimal combination, the chances that a student will be

successful in college increase dramatically, the study says.

In the May 7, 1992 edition of "Black Issues In Higher Education", a special report titled "Top 100 Degree Producers," notes the nation's top five schools the award bachelor's degrees to African-Americans are all HBCUs. Only three predominantly white schools placed in the top 20.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) reports that although HBCUs make up only 3 percent of all U.S. colleges, they graduate one-third of all blacks with bachelor's degrees and 43 percent of all blacks who earn Ph.Ds. UNCF President William H. Gray III, says this is primarily because "the benefits HBCUs offer black students are myriad: low cost, small student/faculty ratios, nurturing environments, and--most importantly-- positive role models."

Despite the effectiveness of HBCUs, 80 percent of all African-American students attend predominately white universities. Reginald Wilson, Ph.D. and senior scholar at the American Council on Education, said "HBCUs will probably never have the majority of blacks, but they will continue to graduate blacks in the largest numbers."

## Religious challenge continues

The battle is truly raging out of control, fueled by persons like yourself, who insist on depriving persons, like myself of doing things and participating in activities they enjoy. You find some legalistic loop-hole and commence to impose your ideas on the majority of us. It is because of persons like yourself, who find an opening in the law, that continue to chip and hammer away (unnoticed by nthose largely affected) until you make a hole in the legal system, which is large enough for one's rights and privileges to fall through, this is how prayer was taken out of our schools, which was a terrible mistake.

Sir, I am offended that you would come into our family and attempt to take away from us, that which is the very heart and soul of our culture. What you fail to understand is that, Prairie View A&M University is a Historically Black University, found on the principles of Christianity,

Humanity and Prayer. I think it is important for you to understand that, by accepting a position at Prairie View, you do not only accepted a position, but a people with a rich heritage and strong culture, prayer being a great part of that heritage and culture. I would think that, you and the so-called "many members of the community" who are "humiliated and embarrassed" by prayer, with simply, quietly, dismiss yourselves from the assembly until the prayer is finished, or simply don't attend the functions where prayer is given since it is so offensive to you. I fail to see what all the hoopla is about. Why should the majority of those who enjoy not only hearing, but also participating in prayer be deprived because of the way of thinking of a very few people? You insist on cramming your way of thinking down our collective throats and demanding that we accept it! No so sir, our fore-fathers

established us and the accomplishments that we have achieved over the years on prayer. We were taught, when in the bonds of slavery and depression as a manner of release and to help cope with the many burdens and struggles that we were taking by the man. You would never understand this of course, because you have never taken a black slave nor were your ancestors slaves.

In closing, many of the ideas and notions you express are just that, your ideas, notions and opinions, which to the majority of us means nothing. You should confine your opinions to the classroom, possibly the students would find them interesting for discussion, because to us, you political opinions are offensive. I am a Christian, and proud to be so named. I would say to the complaint that you registered in the PANTHER 3/26/93, H-O-G-W-A-S-H.

Mary L. Curtis

